(c) whether the ryots dug the same and also the channel, as per estimates, for about 3,000 feet, at a cost of Rs. 6,000, paying the same out of their own pockets; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government did not as yet take up the work and whether the channel has consequently 'filled up'?

A.—The Government have no information but have asked the Chief Engineer to furnish it.

Proposed dam across the jungle stream near Seshanchavadi village.

1498 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Muthampatti and Kattuveppilapatti, in Salem taluk, applied to Government some time back for putting up a dam across the jungle stream near the Seshanchavadi village and to open canals for irrigating the said villages and whether the matter was investigated by Government;

(b) whether any further action has been taken in the matter by Government and in what stage the matter is; and

(c) if the scheme has been abandoned the reasons therefor?

A.—The Government have no information.

Construction of a reservoir near Melarasambut village.

1499 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there are any proposals before Government to construct a reservoir by joining the two ridges of two ranges of hills to the south of Melarasambut village in Vellore taluk (North Arcot)?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Land Revenue.

A memorial from some inamdars of Kasimkota.

1500 Q.—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorial from some inamdars of Kasimkota, Anakapalle taluk, Vizagapatam district;

(b) whether it is a fact that the resumption order of the Ummadi Masjid inams according to the B.P. No. 1403 of 13th April 1897 was applied also to Phoktu or Pure Masjid inams of the memorialists, and that they were resumed together with the Ummadi Masjid inams;

(c) what the nature of the tenure of these Phoktu inams was when they were resumed, and whether they were considered as service inams and if so, on what grounds;

(d) assuming that these Phoktu inams were intended as service inams, whether the Government was justified in asking the inamdars to quit their lands wholesale;